

Latin American Montessori Bilingual Public Charter School (LAMB)



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100 Years of Experience



- Collectively the project team has 100 years experience in education, architecture and design, construction, finance and project management.

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Project Cost

	Price Per Square Foot	Total Cost
Hard Cost	\$115	\$4,025,000
Soft Cost	\$12	\$420,000
A & E (Pre-development)	\$8	\$280,000
Total	\$135	\$4,725,000

Financed through several sources, broken down between debt (85%), grant proceeds (10%), and school equity (5%).

LAMB's Mission

- LAMB's mission is to create a **self-directed** learning environment in which children **build a foundation of knowledge** essential for a **life time of learning** while learning a **second language**.



Demographics

- Latino 50%
- African Descent 27%
- Caucasian 17%
- Choose not to identify race or ethnicity 6%
- Free and/or reduced lunch 35%
- English Language Learners 45%
- Special Education Learners 12%

High Demand

Demand out-paces capacity

- For the past three years, LAMB's waiting list has been equal to and/or exceeded its total enrollment.

The only accredited, dual language immersion chartered, public Montessori school in the tri-state area



Stakeholders, Community Outreach

Sixty percent (60%) of LAMB parents reside in the Walter Reed Ward Four area and 40% come from the other seven wards across the city

Parents installed the hardwood floors as part of their volunteer service hours.

Other collaborations include: The Georgetown University- Law School (literacy classes) and GW Interior Design (space layout for Walter Reed), American University (volunteers) the DC Fire Department and Metropolitan Police Department (safety guest speakers and workshops); ASPIRA and the National Center for Missing Children (workshops); Boost Mobile RockCorps (beautification projects), Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care (health and referrals) Gala Theater, Latin American Youth Center (founding agency and referrals), Georgia Avenue Collaborative (social services), Cultural Tourism DC (African American Heritage Trail) and many more.



Timeline

-three stages-

- ***Predevelopment (4 months)*** – During the predevelopment stage, negotiate the lease on the property, design the school space, receive permit approvals, secure financing, and hire a General Contractor.
- ***Construction (8 months)***- Construction will commence once all predevelopment activities have been completed. Construction will last 8 months.
- ***Operations*** – School operations at the Walter Reed site will commence immediately after construction has been completed. LAMB will occupy the space in perpetuity.